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YOU'RE DEAD, PLASTIC MAN! I'M YOUR EXACT DOUBLE--
ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, I CAN DO--BETTER!
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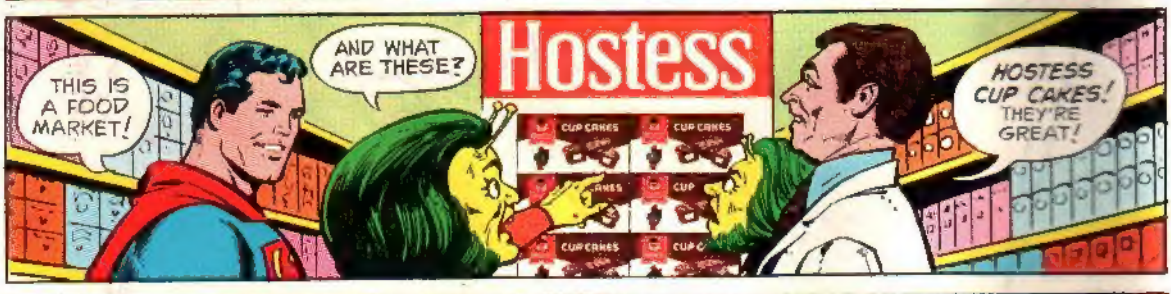
SAVES THE EARTH
ZOOMING THROUGH SPACE, SUPERMAN HEADS FOR AN ALIEN PLANET...
MUST REACH THE MEETING OF THE INTERSTELLAR COUNCIL BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

BUT, SUPERMAN-- AS A NATIVE OF KRYPTON, YOU KNOW HOW PRIMITIVE EARTH IS!
NOT IN EVERY WAY! LET ME TAKE YOU THERE AND SHOW YOU SOME EARTH FOOD!



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SOCKAMAGEE, GANG!
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KILL ME, WILL I DIE?

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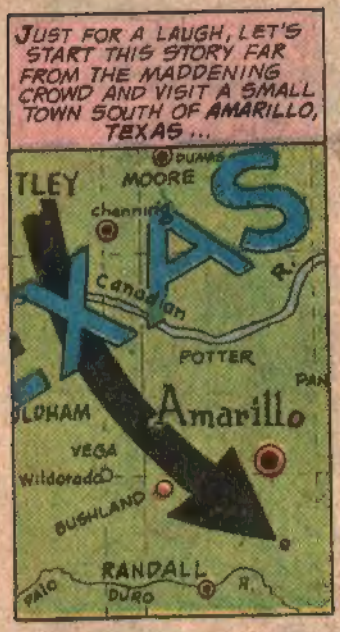
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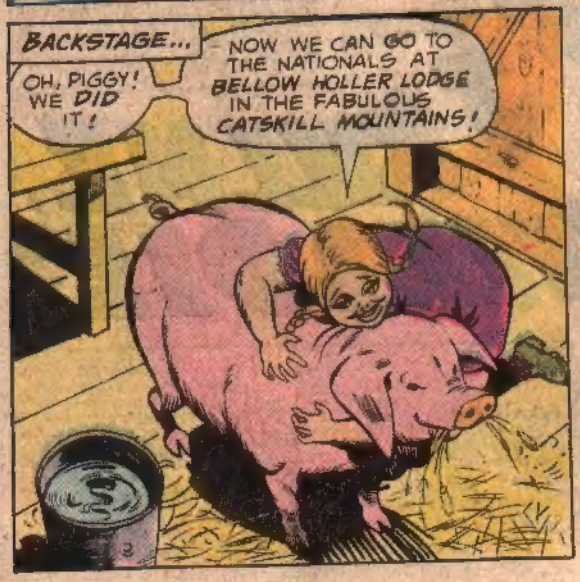
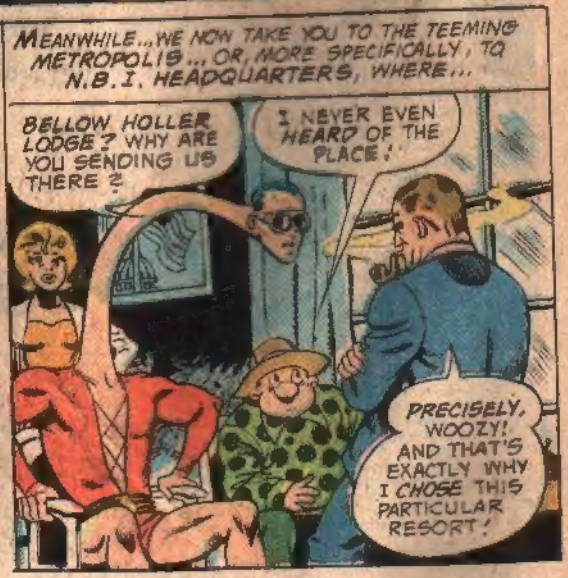
DURO

HERE, A CERTAIN YOUNG WOMAN IS ABOUT TO REALIZE THE DREAM OF A LIFETIME...
SOOOIEEEEE

SHE IS ABOUT TO BECOME A STAR!
THAT WAS FANTASTIC, MISS! YOU WIN BY A LANDSLIDE!
AWW, SHUCKS!

AS I PRESENT YOU WITH THIS TOKEN OF OUR ESTEEM AND YOUR ACHIEVEMENT, AMELIA ROOST, WE HOPE YOU'LL BRING HONOR TO YOUR COMMUNITY AT THE NATIONAL HOG CALLING CONTEST!
I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!


BACKSTAGE...
OH, PIGGY! WE DID IT!
NOW WE CAN GO TO THE NATIONALS AT BELLOW HOLLER LODGE IN THE FABULOUS CATSKILL MOUNTAINS!


MEANWHILE..WE NOW TAKE YOU TO THE TEEMING METROPOLIS... OR, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO N.B.I. HEADQUARTERS, WHERE...
BELLOW HOLLER LODGE? WHY ARE YOU SENDING US THERE?
I NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THE PLACE!
PRECISELY, WOOZY! AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I CHOSE THIS PARTICULAR RESORT!

AS YOU KNOW, IT'S AN N.B.I. RULING THAT YOU EMPLOYEES RECEIVE A PAID VACATION EVERY YEAR!
HOWEVER, BECAUSE YOU ARE N.B.I. AGENTS, CERTAIN SECURITY PRECAUTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED...
SECRET
...THAT'S WHY I PICKED A LODGE THAT HARDLY ANYONE'S EVER HEARD OF BEFORE! NONE OF OUR ENEMIES WILL THINK TO LOOK FOR YOU THERE!
HERE'S A BROCHURE OF THE ACTIVITIES YOU'LL--
WOW! LOOK AT THIS!
A HOG-CALLING CONTEST!
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THEY HAD HOGS IN THE CATSKILLS!
AND DINNER MUSIC PROVIDED BY MAX HEADSET AND HIS MAIL-ORDER CANADIANS! SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE 30'S!
NOW AS AN ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURE...
BELLOW HOLLER
AGENT FOYLE, YOU'LL GO THERE DISGUISED AS A REPORTER, COVERING THE HOG-CALLING CONTEST...
...SUNDAE, YOU'LL BE FOYLE'S PHOTOG-RAPHER...
...AS FOR YOU, MR. WINKS, I'VE ALREADY SECURED YOU A POSITION AS A TROMBONE PLAYER FOR THE MAIL-ORDER CANADIANS!
AND... WHAT ABOUT ME?
YOU, PLAZ? WHY YOU'RE GOING THERE AS WOOZY'S TROMBONE!
WHAT??

DON'T BOTHER TO THANK ME, MEN. JUST GO HOME AND START PACKING!
YOU'RE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON.
SECRET
MEANWHILE, BACK IN TEXAS, A SUPPORTING CHARACTER JOINS OUR EVER-EXPANDING CAST...
MISS ROOST, I AM HARA GOON AND I SHALL BE YOUR CHAPERONE AND COMPANION FOR THE NEXT YEAR!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MRS. GOON!
NOT MRS:-- MISS!
PRESENTLY...
AMELIA ROOST, WE WISH YOU WELL AND OFFER THIS TOAST FOR YOUR SUCCESS...
AHSOOOEEE-ACHOOEE-ABADDBA DOOLE
FEED
'BYE NOW.
Y'ALL WATCH FOR ME ON THE LOCAL NEWS SHOW!
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SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
HOLLY-GO-MOLLY, WE'RE HERE!
WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE--
JUST LIKE A SONJA HENNIE MOVIE!
WHILE, NEARBY...
YICK! DON'T TELL ME THAT'S BELLOW HOLLER LODGE!
"SECURITY PRECAUTIONS" --MY VULCANIZED FOOT!
I'LL BET THE CHIEF CHOSE THIS PLACE BECAUSE IT'S THE CHEAPEST LODGE HE COULD FIND!
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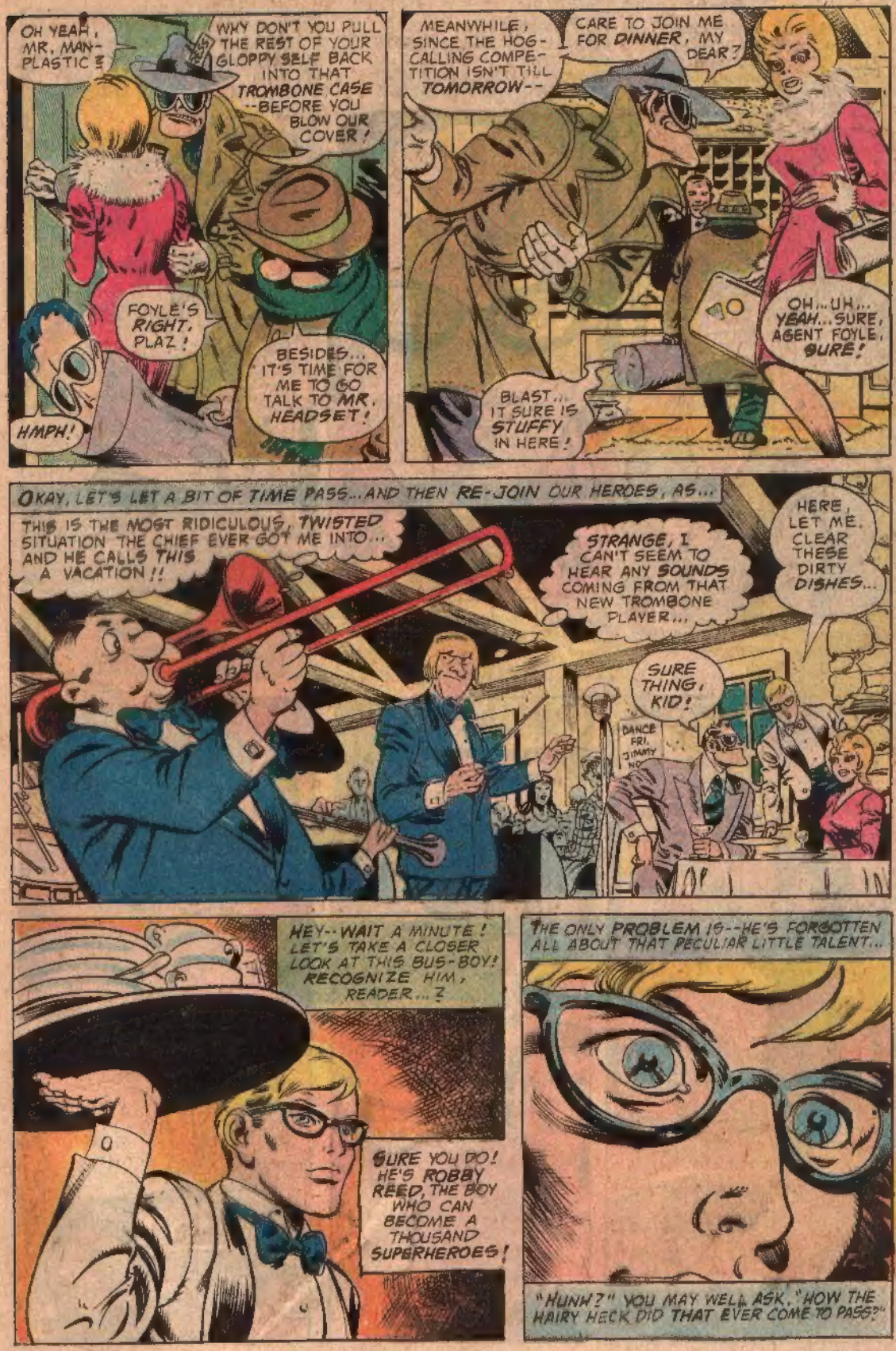
OH YEAH, MR. MAN-PLASTIC?
WHY DON'T YOU PULL THE REST OF YOUR GLOPPY SELF BACK INTO THAT TROMBONE CASE --BEFORE YOU BLOW OUR COVER!
FOYLE'S RIGHT, PLAZ!
BESIDES... IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO TALK TO MR. HEADSET!
HMPH!
MEANWHILE, SINCE THE HOG-CALLING COMPE-TITION ISN'T TILL TOMORROW--
CARE TO JOIN ME FOR DINNER, MY DEAR?
OH...UH... YEAH...SURE, AGENT FOYLE, SURE!
BLAST... IT SURE IS STUFFY IN HERE!
OKAY, LET'S LET A BIT OF TIME PASS...AND THEN RE-JOIN OUR HEROES, AS...
THIS IS THE MOST RIDICULOUS, TWISTED SITUATION THE CHIEF EVER GOT ME INTO... AND HE CALLS THIS A VACATION!!
STRANGE, I CAN'T SEEM TO HEAR ANY SOUNDS COMING FROM THAT NEW TROMBONE PLAYER...
HERE, LET ME CLEAR THESE DIRTY DISHES...
SURE THING, KID!
DANCE FRI. JIMMY NO
HEY--WAIT A MINUTE! LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS BUS-BOY! RECOGNIZE HIM, READER...?
SURE YOU DO! HE'S ROBBY REED, THE BOY WHO CAN BECOME A THOUSAND SUPERHEROES!
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS--HE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THAT PECULIAR LITTLE TALENT...
"HUNH?" YOU MAY WELL ASK. "HOW THE HAIRY HECK DID THAT EVER COME TO PASS?"

WELL, ONE DAY, YEARS AGO, AS ROBBY DIALED "O-R-E-H" ON HIS INCREDIBLE DIAL -- THUS TRANSFORMING HIMSELF -- HE SPOTTED A PARTICULARLY STRIKING FEMALE...

HOO-HA!

HER NAME WAS RACHAEL EVANS, NOT THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR STORY.

THIS FIRST STIRRING OF INTEREST IN THE OPPOSITE SEX SOMEHOW CAUSED A CLOUD TO DESCEND UPON ROBBY'S BOYISH BRAIN...

AND INSTANTLY ROBBY REEP FORGOT ALL ABOUT SUCH CHILDISH MACHINATIONS AS BECOMING A SUPERHERO.

HIS MIND IS STILL IN THAT SELF-SAME CLOUD, EVEN NOW...

GEE, RACHAEL EVANS!

I WONDER WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO HER!

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MEANTIME, IN A NEARBY CABIN...

HOW YOU LOOK WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT!

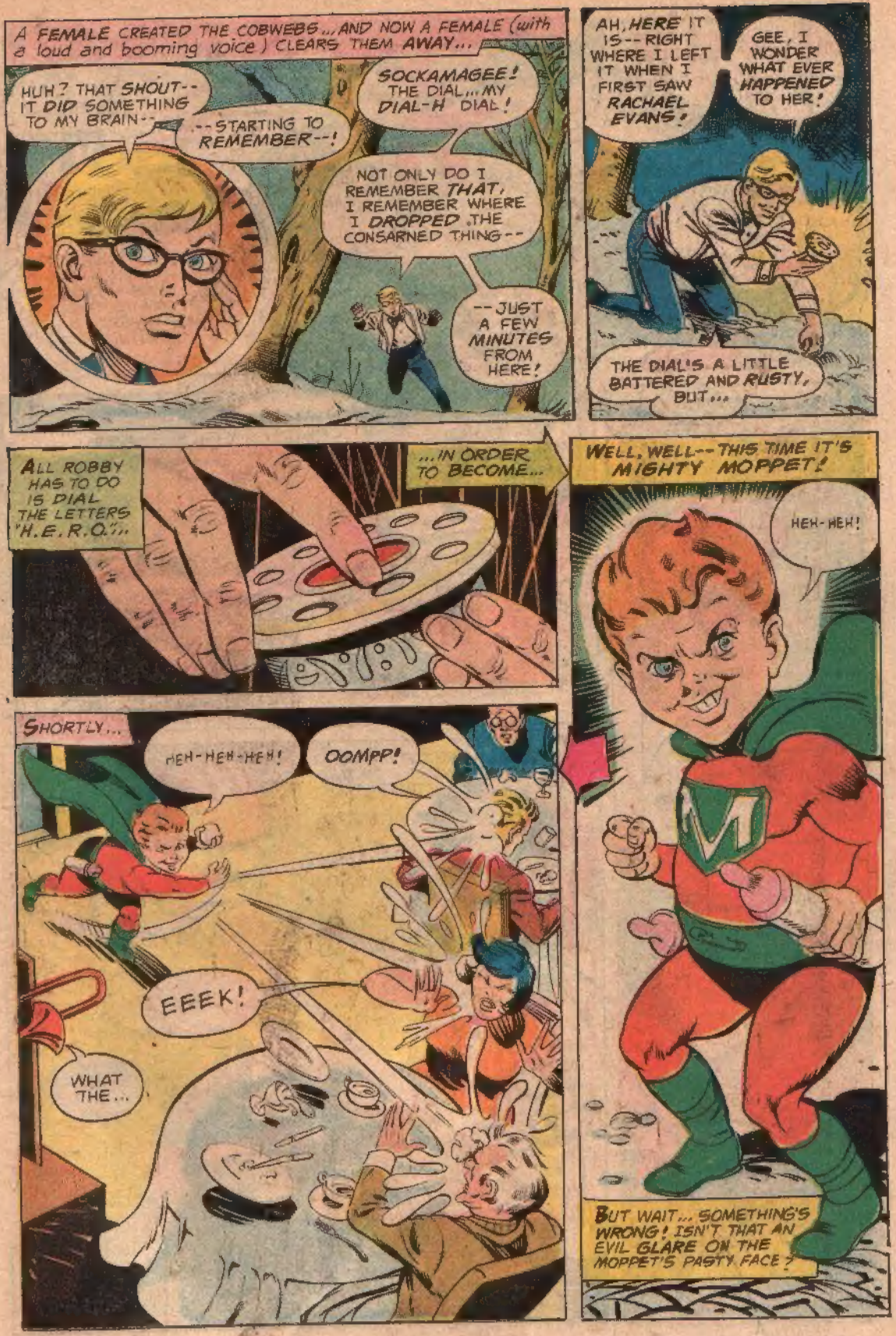
IF YOU SAY SO, MISS. GOON... BUT CAN I STILL WEAR MY WAFFLE-STOMPER BOOTS?

ANYWAY, I'VE GOT TO PRACTICE--

GOT TO PRACTICE REAL HARD!

OOOOOOOOOIEEEEEEE!

EH?


A FEMALE CREATED THE COBWEBS... AND NOW A FEMALE (with a loud and booming voice) CLEARS THEM AWAY...
HUH? THAT SHOUT-- IT DID SOMETHING TO MY BRAIN--
--STARTING TO REMEMBER--!
SOCKAMAGEE! THE DIAL... MY DIAL-H DIAL!
NOT ONLY DO I REMEMBER THAT, I REMEMBER WHERE I DROPPED THE CONSARNED THING--
--JUST A FEW MINUTES FROM HERE!
AH, HERE IT IS-- RIGHT WHERE I LEFT IT WHEN I FIRST SAW RACHAEL EVANS!
GEE, I WONDER WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO HER!
THE DIAL'S A LITTLE BATTERED AND RUSTY, BUT...
ALL ROBBY HAS TO DO IS DIAL THE LETTERS "H.E.R.O."...
...IN ORDER TO BECOME...
WELL, WELL-- THIS TIME IT'S MIGHTY MOPPET!
HEH-HEH!
SHORTLY...
HEH-HEH-HEH!
OOMPP!
EEEK!
WHAT THE...
BUT WAIT... SOMETHING'S WRONG! ISN'T THAT AN EVIL GLARE ON THE MOPPET'S PASTY FACE?

HA HA HA HA
YOWP!
SPATT
GOOD GRIEF! THAT KID'S CREATING ALL SORTS OF HAVOC! GOTTA DO SOMETHING...
...BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO SLIP AWAY... SO'S NOBODY REALIZES THIS TROMBONE IS REALLY A SUPERHERO IN DISGUISE!
THERE! BUT NOW WHAT ...HOW DO I FIGHT A KID?
MAYBE I CAN JUST GRAB HIM, AND--
HUNH?
HMMPH! ROTTEN FRUIT WON'T STOP THIS PLIABLE CRIMEBUSTER!
HERE! MAKE YOURSELF A FRUIT SALAD, YOU GOOGLE-EYED FREAK!
OOOMPHFF!
EH? HE'S GONE-- VANISHED!
NOBODY OUT HERE BUT THAT DUMB-LOOKING BUSBOY!
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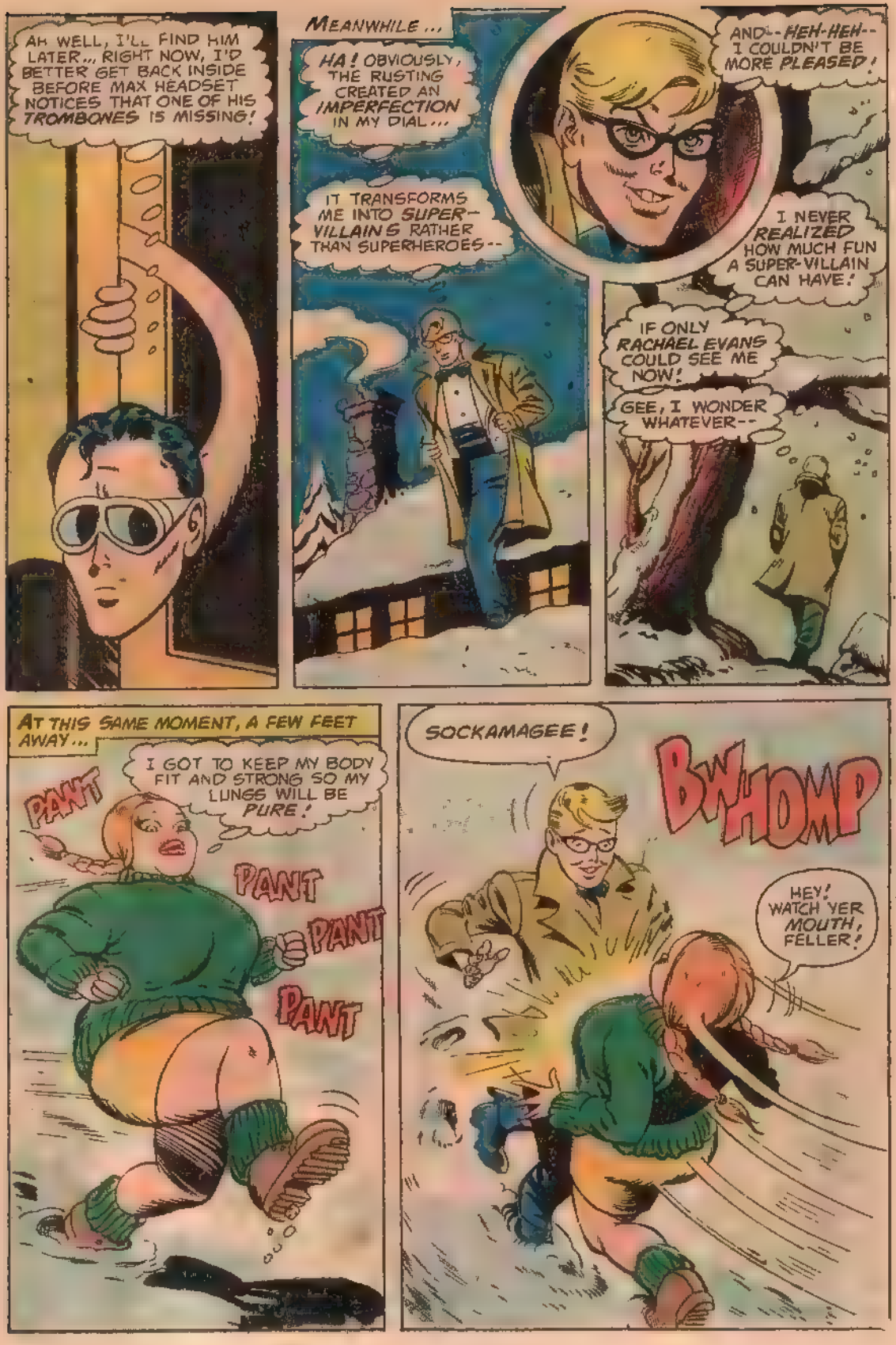
AH WELL, I'LL FIND HIM LATER... RIGHT NOW, I'D BETTER GET BACK INSIDE BEFORE MAX HEADSET NOTICES THAT ONE OF HIS TROMBONES IS MISSING!
MEANWHILE...
HA! OBVIOUSLY, THE RUSTING CREATED AN IMPERFECTION IN MY DIAL...
IT TRANSFORMS ME INTO SUPER-VILLAINS RATHER THAN SUPERHEROES--
AND--HEH-HEH--I COULDN'T BE MORE PLEASED!
I NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH FUN A SUPER-VILLAIN CAN HAVE!
IF ONLY RACHAEL EVANS COULD SEE ME NOW!
GEE, I WONDER WHATEVER--
AT THIS SAME MOMENT, A FEW FEET AWAY...
I GOT TO KEEP MY BODY FIT AND STRONG SO MY LUNGS WILL BE PURE!
PANT
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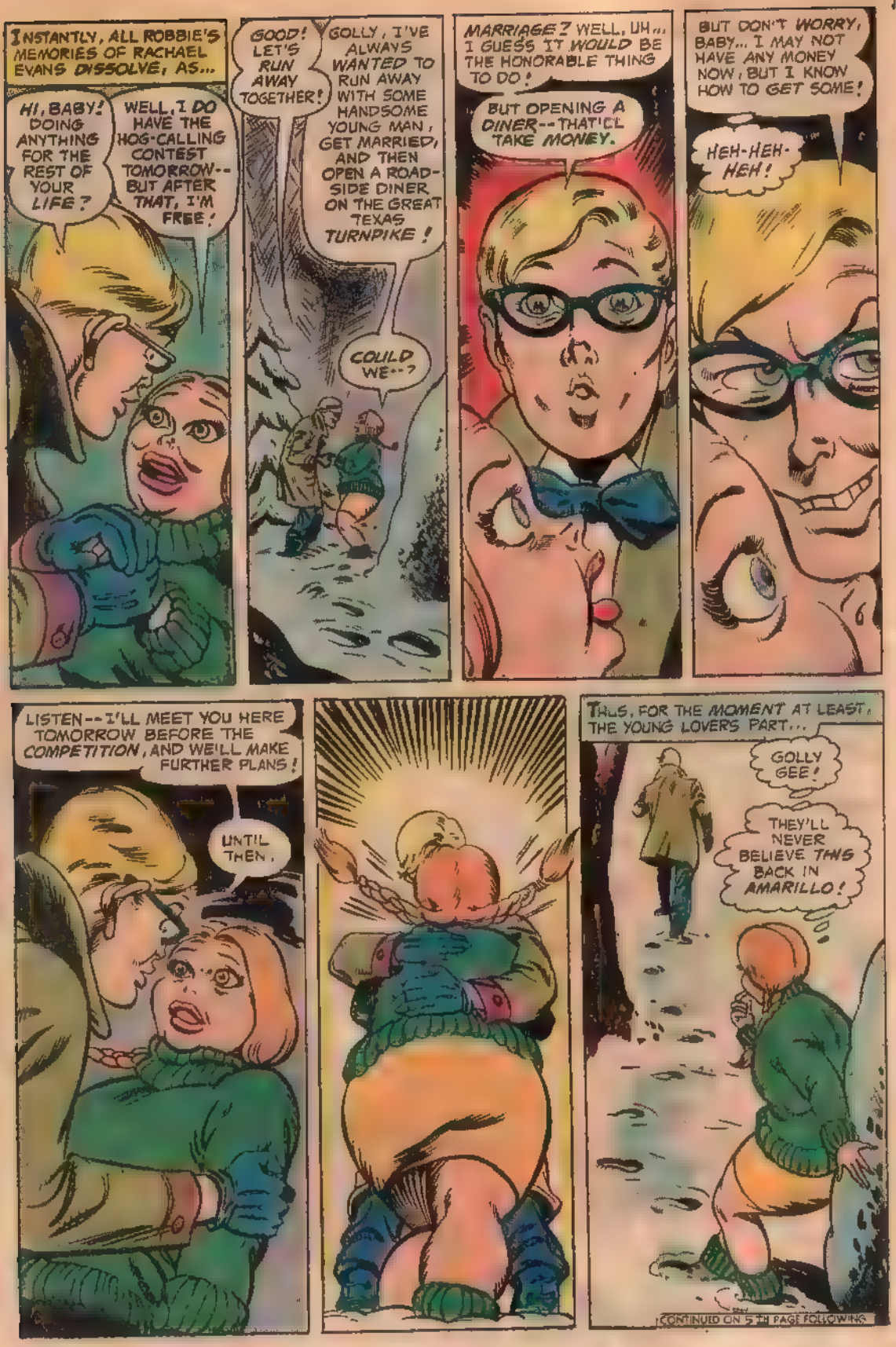
SOCKAMAGEE!
BWHOMP
HEY! WATCH YER MOUTH, FELLER!


INSTANTLY, ALL ROBBIE'S MEMORIES OF RACHAEL EVANS DISSOLVE, AS...
HI, BABY! DOING ANYTHING FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
WELL, I DO HAVE THE HOG-CALLING CONTEST TOMORROW-- BUT AFTER THAT, I'M FREE!
GOOD! LET'S RUN AWAY TOGETHER!
GOLLY, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO RUN AWAY WITH SOME HANDSOME YOUNG MAN, GET MARRIED, AND THEN OPEN A ROADSIDE DINER ON THE GREAT TEXAS TURNPIKE!
COULD WE--?
MARRIAGE? WELL, UH... I GUESS IT WOULD BE THE HONORABLE THING TO DO!
BUT OPENING A DINER--THAT'LL TAKE MONEY.
BUT DON'T WORRY, BABY... I MAY NOT HAVE ANY MONEY NOW, BUT I KNOW HOW TO GET SOME!
HEH-HEH-HEH!
LISTEN--I'LL MEET YOU HERE TOMORROW BEFORE THE COMPETITION, AND WE'LL MAKE FURTHER PLANS!
UNTIL THEN,
THUS, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, THE YOUNG LOVERS PART...
GOLLY GEE!
THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS BACK IN AMARILLO!
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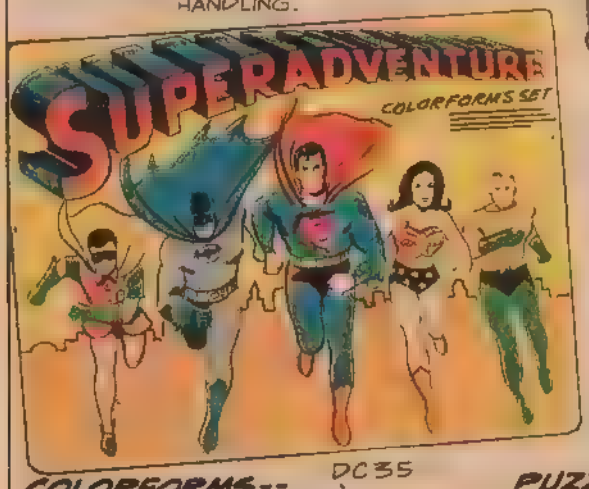

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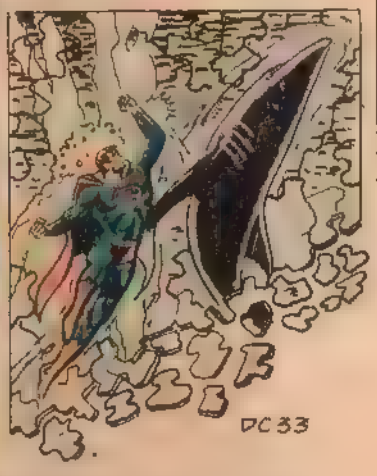

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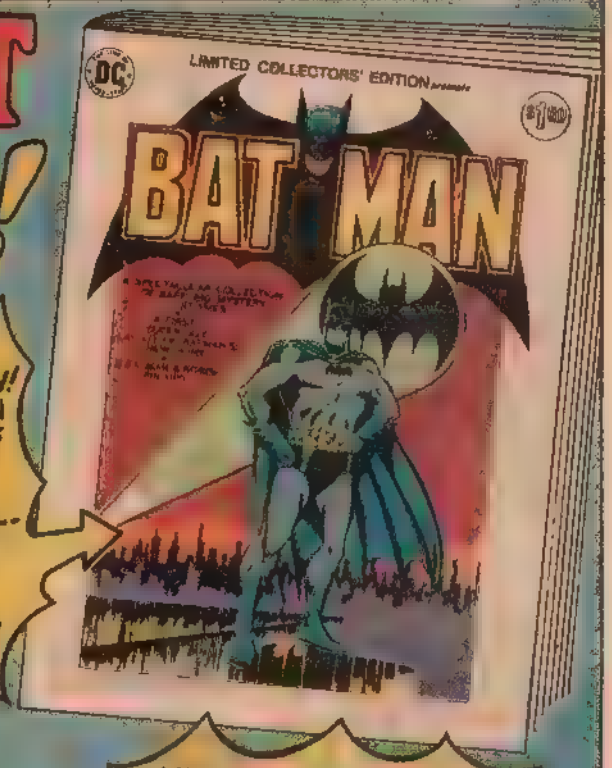

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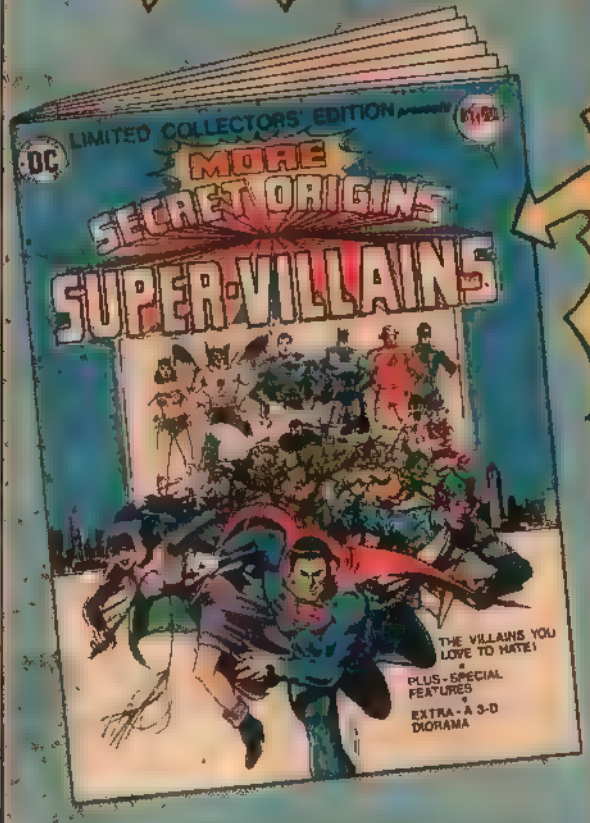
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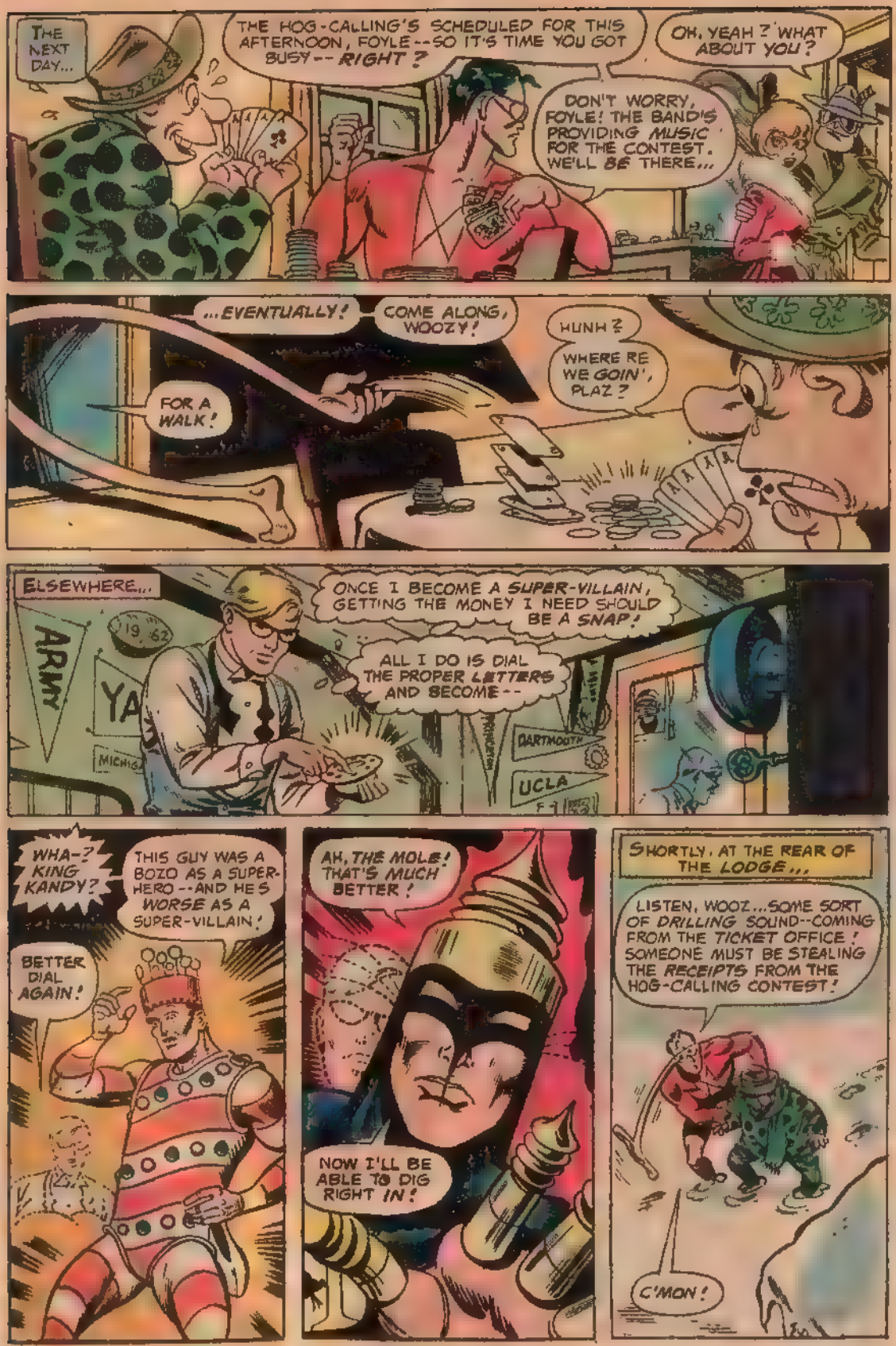
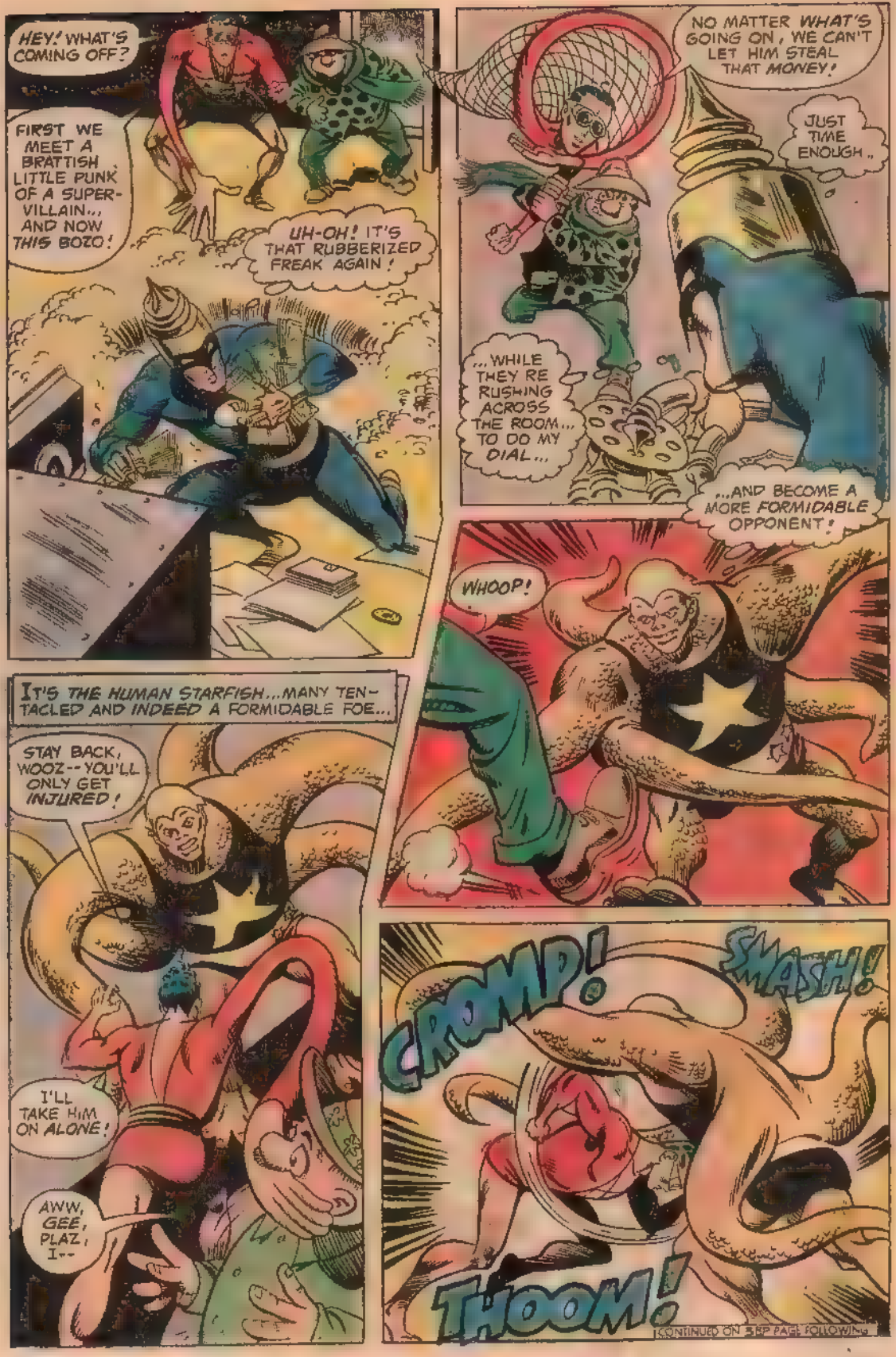

THE NEXT DAY...
THE HOG-CALLING'S SCHEDULED FOR THIS AFTERNOON, FOYLE--SO IT'S TIME YOU GOT BUSY--RIGHT?
OH, YEAH? WHAT ABOUT YOU?
DON'T WORRY, FOYLE! THE BAND'S PROVIDING MUSIC FOR THE CONTEST. WE'LL BE THERE...
...EVENTUALLY!
COME ALONG, WOOZY!
HUNH?
WHERE RE WE GOIN', PLAZ?
FOR A WALK!
ELSEWHERE...
ONCE I BECOME A SUPER-VILLAIN, GETTING THE MONEY I NEED SHOULD BE A SNAP!
ALL I DO IS DIAL THE PROPER LETTERS AND BECOME--
ARMY
19 62
YA
MICHIG
DARTMOUTH
UCLA
WHA-? KING KANDY?
THIS GUY WAS A BOZO AS A SUPER-HERO--AND HE'S WORSE AS A SUPER-VILLAIN!
BETTER DIAL AGAIN!
AH, THE MOLE! THAT'S MUCH BETTER!
NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO DIG RIGHT IN!
SHORTLY, AT THE REAR OF THE LODGE...
LISTEN, WOOZ...SOME SORT OF DRILLING SOUND--COMING FROM THE TICKET OFFICE! SOMEONE MUST BE STEALING THE RECEIPTS FROM THE HOG-CALLING CONTEST!
C'MON!


HEY! WHAT'S COMING OFF?
FIRST WE MEET A BRATTISH LITTLE PUNK OF A SUPER-VILLAIN.., AND NOW THIS BOZO!
UH-OH! IT'S THAT RUBBERIZED FREAK AGAIN!
NO MATTER WHAT'S GOING ON, WE CAN'T LET HIM STEAL THAT MONEY!
JUST TIME ENOUGH..
..WHILE THEY RE RUSHING ACROSS THE ROOM... TO DO MY DIAL..
..AND BECOME A MORE FORMIDABLE OPPONENT!
WHOOP!
IT'S THE HUMAN STARFISH...MANY TENTACLED AND INDEED A FORMIDABLE FOE...
STAY BACK, WOOZ--YOU'LL ONLY GET INJURED!
I'LL TAKE HIM ON ALONE!
AWW, GEE, PLAZ, I--
CROMP!
SMASH!
THOOM!
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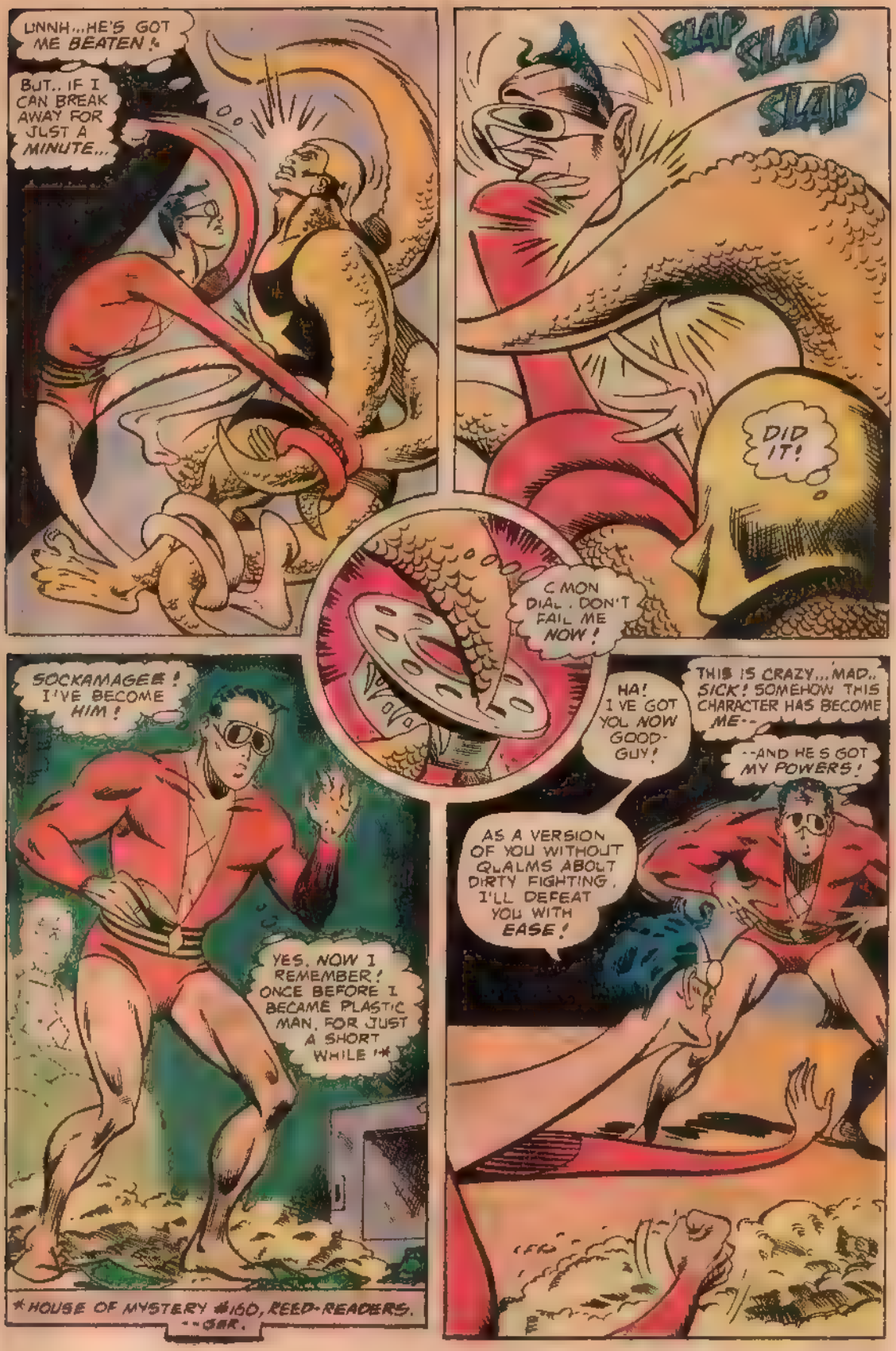
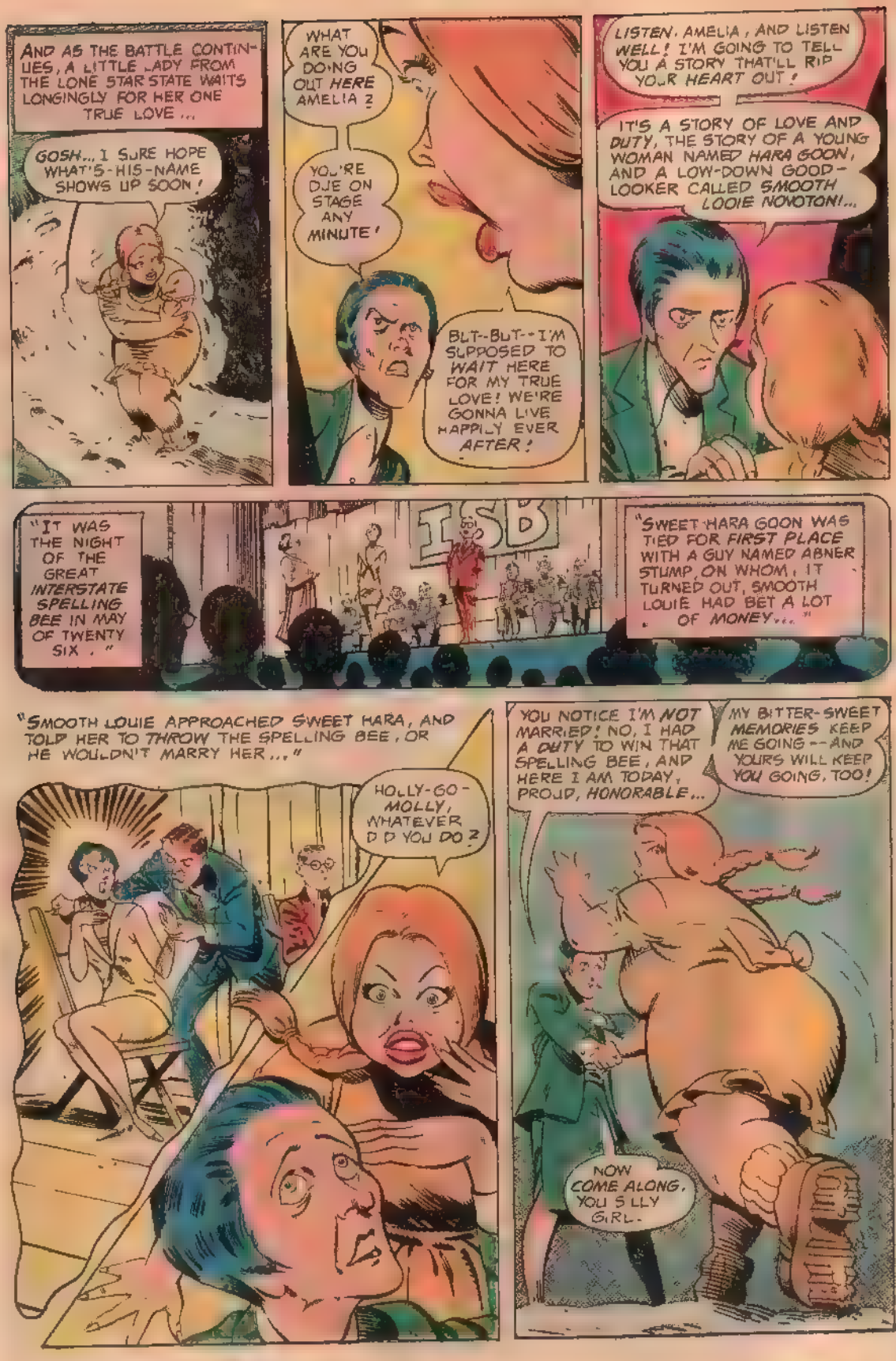
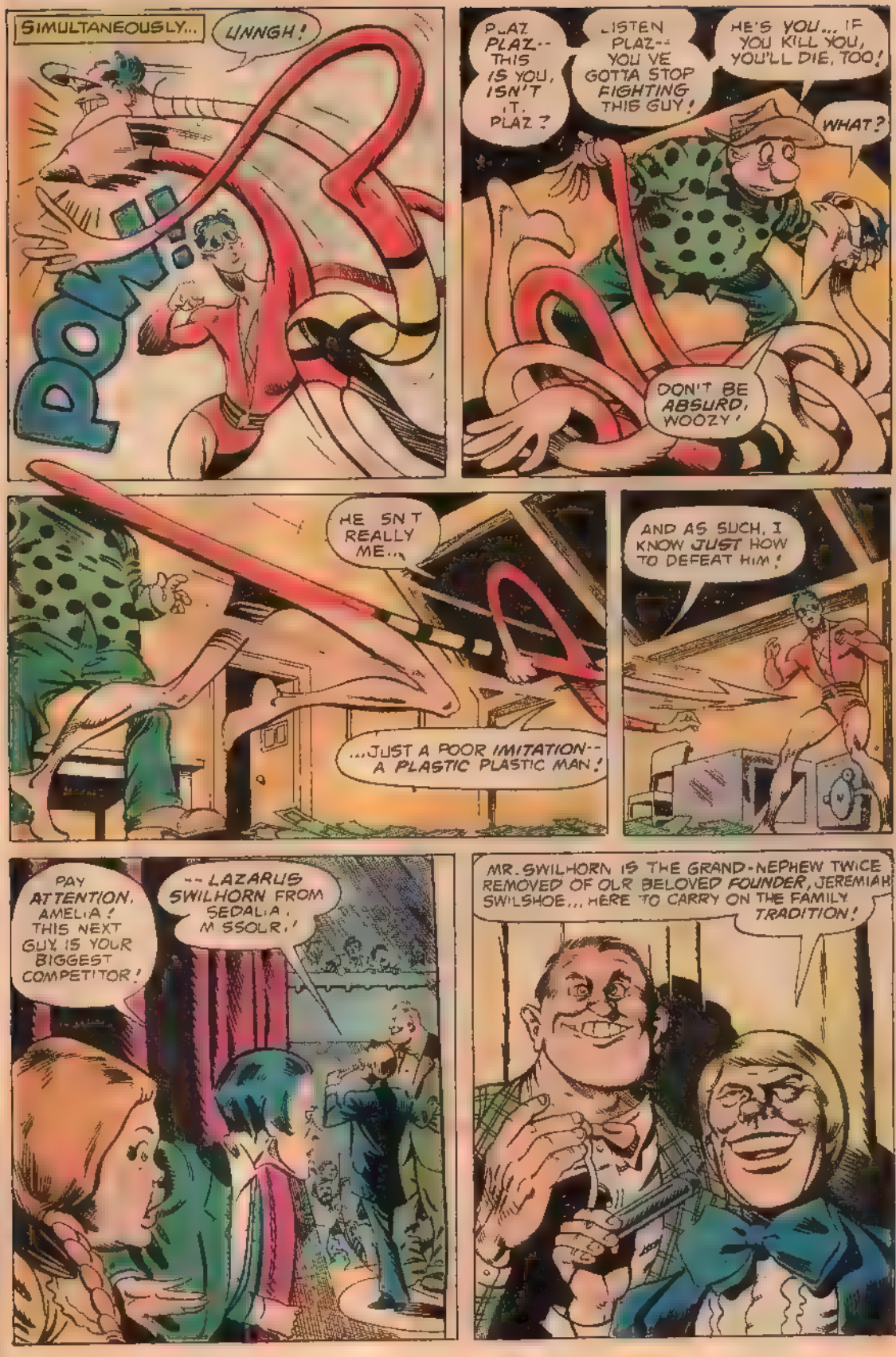
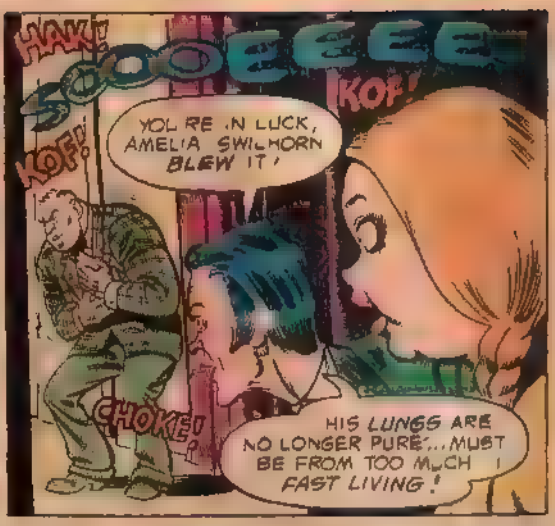
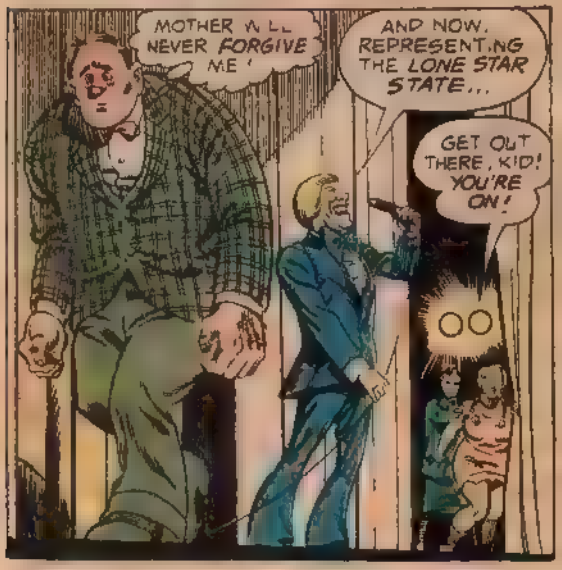

UNNH...HE'S GOT ME BEATEN!
BUT.. IF I CAN BREAK AWAY FOR JUST A MINUTE...
SLAP SLAP SLAP
DID IT!
C'MON DIAL. DON'T FAIL ME NOW!
SOCKAMAGEE! I'VE BECOME HIM!
YES, NOW I REMEMBER! ONCE BEFORE I BECAME PLASTIC MAN, FOR JUST A SHORT WHILE!*
*HOUSE OF MYSTERY #160, REED-READERS. --SER.
HA! I'VE GOT YOU NOW GOOD-GUY!
AS A VERSION OF YOU WITHOUT QUALMS ABOUT DIRTY FIGHTING, I'LL DEFEAT YOU WITH EASE!
THIS IS CRAZY... MAD.. SICK! SOMEHOW THIS CHARACTER HAS BECOME ME--
--AND HE'S GOT MY POWERS!

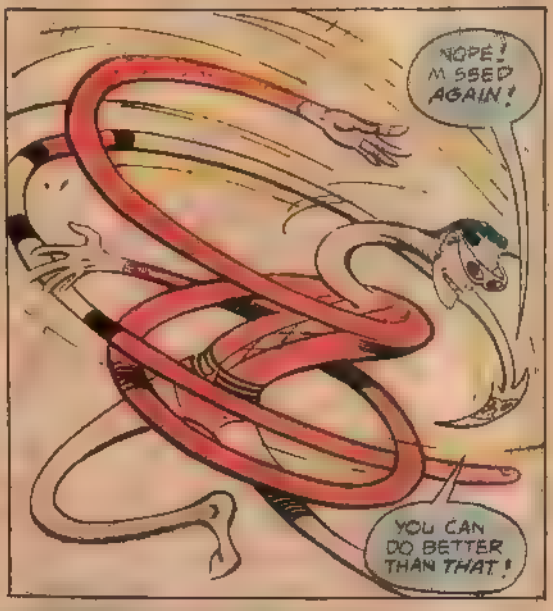

AND AS THE BATTLE CONTINUES, A LITTLE LADY FROM THE LONE STAR STATE WAITS LONGINGLY FOR HER ONE TRUE LOVE...
GOSH... I SURE HOPE WHAT'S-HIS-NAME SHOWS UP SOON!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE AMELIA?
YOU'RE DUE ON STAGE ANY MINUTE!
BUT--BUT--I'M SUPPOSED TO WAIT HERE FOR MY TRUE LOVE! WE'RE GONNA LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER!
LISTEN, AMELIA, AND LISTEN WELL! I'M GOING TO TELL YOU A STORY THAT'LL RIP YOUR HEART OUT!
IT'S A STORY OF LOVE AND DUTY, THE STORY OF A YOUNG WOMAN NAMED HARA GOON, AND A LOW-DOWN GOOD-LOOKER CALLED SMOOTH LOOIE NOVOTON!...
"IT WAS THE NIGHT OF THE GREAT INTERSTATE SPELLING BEE IN MAY OF TWENTY SIX."
ISB
"SWEET HARA GOON WAS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE WITH A GUY NAMED ABNER STUMP, ON WHOM, IT TURNED OUT, SMOOTH LOUIE HAD BET A LOT OF MONEY..."
"SMOOTH LOUIE APPROACHED SWEET HARA, AND TOLD HER TO THROW THE SPELLING BEE, OR HE WOULDN'T MARRY HER..."
HOLLY-GO-MOLLY, WHATEVER DID YOU DO?
YOU NOTICE I'M NOT MARRIED! NO, I HAD A DUTY TO WIN THAT SPELLING BEE, AND HERE I AM TODAY, PROUD, HONORABLE...
MY BITTER-SWEET MEMORIES KEEP ME GOING--AND YOURS WILL KEEP YOU GOING, TOO!
NOW COME ALONG, YOU SILLY GIRL-


SIMULTANEOUSLY...
UNNGH!
POW!
PLAZ PLAZ-- THIS IS YOU, ISN'T IT, PLAZ?
LISTEN PLAZ-- YOU'VE GOTTA STOP FIGHTING THIS GUY!
HE'S YOU... IF YOU KILL YOU, YOU'LL DIE, TOO!
WHAT?
DON'T BE ABSURD, WOOZY!
HE SN'T REALLY ME...
...JUST A POOR IMITATION-- A PLASTIC PLASTIC MAN!
AND AS SUCH, I KNOW JUST HOW TO DEFEAT HIM!
PAY ATTENTION, AMELIA! THIS NEXT GUY IS YOUR BIGGEST COMPETITOR!
--LAZARUS SWILHORN FROM SEDALIA, M SSOLR!
MR. SWILHORN IS THE GRAND-NEPHEW TWICE REMOVED OF OUR BELOVED FOUNDER, JEREMIAH SWILSHOE... HERE TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY TRADITION!

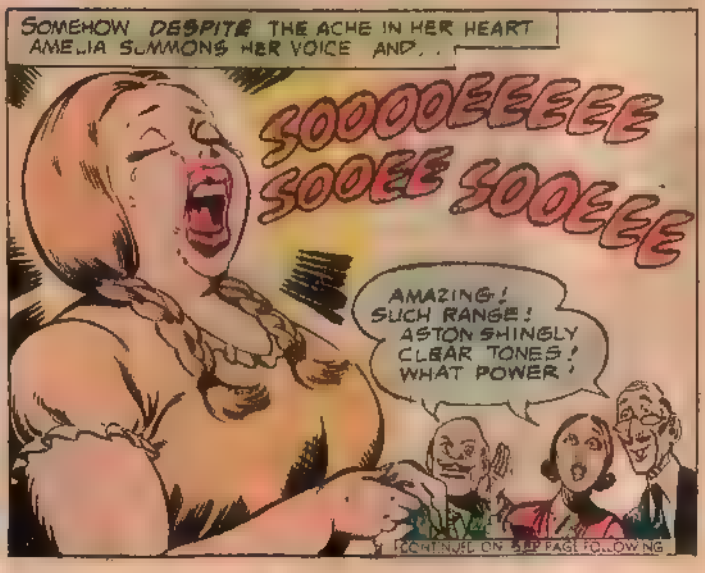
THAT'S RIGHT, PHONEY-- TRY TO GRAB ME!
NOPE! MISSED
TRY AGAIN!


HAK!
SOOOEEEE
KOF!
KOF!
YOU'RE IN LUCK, AMELIA SWILHORN BLEW IT!
CHOKE!
HIS LUNGS ARE NO LONGER PURE... MUST BE FROM TOO MUCH FAST LIVING!


MOTHER WILL NEVER FORGIVE ME!
AND NOW, REPRESENTING THE LONE STAR STATE...
GET OUT THERE, KID! YOU'RE ON!


NOPE! MISSED AGAIN!
YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!

...WE HAVE THAT LOVELY LITTLE BLUEBONNET, MISS AMELIA ROOST!
AHH!
OOH!
YESSIREE!


SOMEHOW DESPITE THE ACHE IN HER HEART AMELIA SUMMONS HER VOICE AND...
SOOOOEEEEEE
SOOEE SOOEEE
AMAZING! SUCH RANGE! ASTON SHINGLY CLEAR TONES! WHAT POWER!
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THE LINE OF DC SUPER-STARS SALUTES THE BICENTENNIAL WITH A GREAT FREE OFFER!

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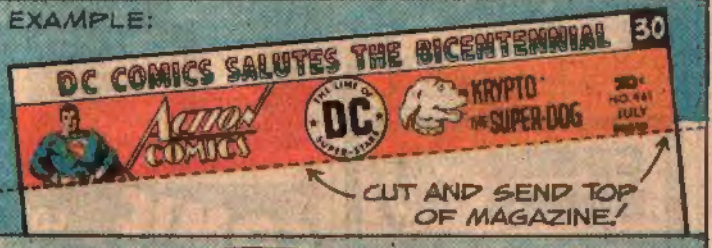

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BE THE FIRST ON YOUR BLOCK TO COLLECT THE 25 HEADINGS!

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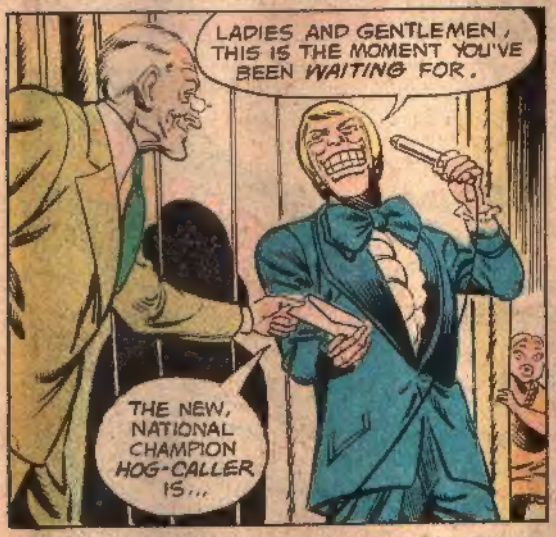
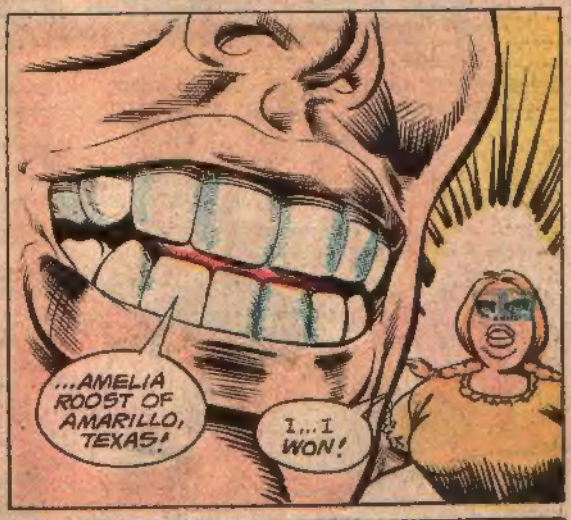
ALL MAIL MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 4, 1976.
(THIS OFFER EXCLUDES WHOLESALERS, EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.)

SOO OOEEEE
HEY-- LINNGH...
THAT SOUND--
WELL, THAT TIES THIS CAPER UP RATHER NEATLY!

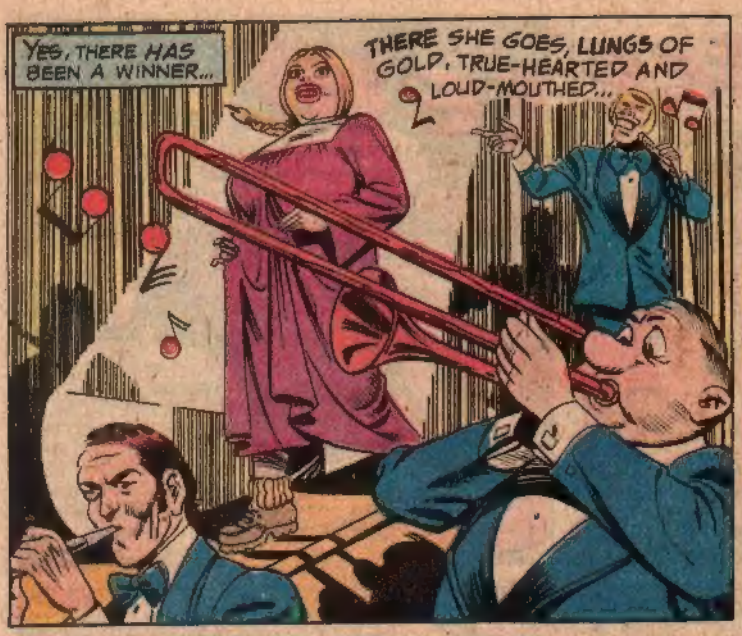
EEEE
MY EARS...WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME...?
BY TRYING TO GRAB ME, HE WOUND HIS PHONEY SELF INTO KNOTS! EVEN HIS FINGERS ARE KNOTTED -- SO HE CAN'T WORK THIS RIDICULOUS DIAL!


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
THE NEW, NATIONAL CHAMPION HOG-CALLER IS...

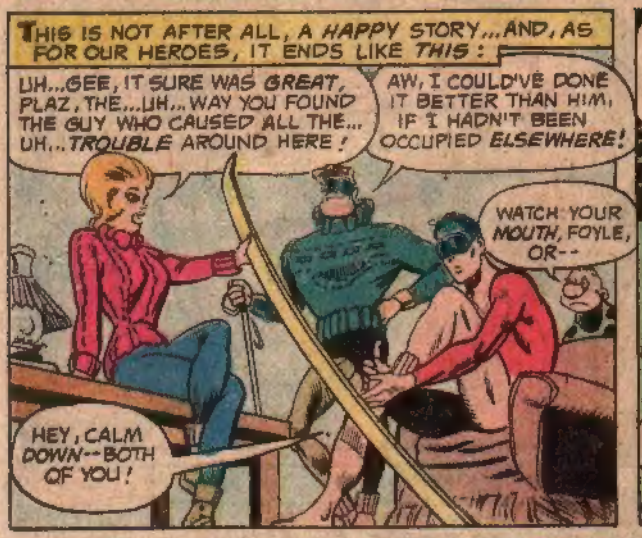

...AMELIA ROOST OF AMARILLO, TEXAS!
I...I WON!

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
IF...IF ONLY HE WERE HERE!

BUT HE ISN'T, AMELIA... IN FACT...
...CAN'T REMEMBER A THING SINCE I SAW A GIRL NAMED RACHAEL EVANS TWO YEARS AGO!
MAYBE I'M NUTS,,, BUT I BELIEVE YOU, KID.
BUT JUST TO BE SAFE--I'LL KEEP THE DIAL.


YES, THERE HAS BEEN A WINNER...
THERE SHE GOES, LUNGS OF GOLD, TRUE-HEARTED AND LOUD-MOUTHED...

BUT WHAT'S THIS WE SEE, TRICKLING DOWN THE WINNER'S CHEEK?
WHADDAYA THINK IT IS, DUMMY? AN OCEAN LINER?


THIS IS NOT AFTER ALL, A HAPPY STORY...AND, AS FOR OUR HEROES, IT ENDS LIKE THIS:
UH...GEE, IT SURE WAS GREAT, PLAZ, THE...UH...WAY YOU FOUND THE GUY WHO CAUSED ALL THE... UH...TROUBLE AROUND HERE!
AW, I COULD'VE DONE IT BETTER THAN HIM, IF I HADN'T BEEN OCCUPIED ELSEWHERE!
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, FOYLE, OR--
HEY, CALM DOWN--BOTH OF YOU!

WE'VE STILL GOT A WEEK TO GO ON THIS VACATION! AND WITH EVERYTHING QUIET AT LAST, WE CAN RELAX AND--
BRRRING
EH? THE PHONE?

HELLO?
OH, HELLO THERE, CHIEF!
HUNH? WHADDYA MEAN WE'VE GOOFED OFF LONG ENOUGH?
WE--
BUT--BUT WE...

BUT YOU'VE GOT OTHER AGENTS WHO CAN HANDLE THAT, AND WE--
BUT, CHIEF...BUT...BUT...
WELL, FOLKS, I THINK WE'D BETTER START PACKING!
SOMETHING TELLS ME WE'RE HEADING HOME!
FINI
NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN MAY

PLASTIC POSTCARDS

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When we published PLASTIC MAN #11 and brought the Stretchable Sleuth back to action we knew he had fans out there (and here, for that matter—we're all PLAZ-watchers from way back) but we never knew how many of them there were. Or how loud they could be. Witness . . .

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This is **Plastic Man**.

In 1966, that Bob Hope with the power to stretch didn't even touch the real **Plastic Man**. The real **Plastic Man** was in #11. Jack Cole's **Plastic Man**. This is the one my mother read. The moment she laid eyes on it she said, "Now that's the **Plastic Man** I knew."

Jack Cole can rest well.

Mark Dooley, Columbus, Indiana

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The fact that you designated your first issue #11 and not #1 is symbolic of the magazine's spirit. You're doing **Plaz** as if the long between today and the **Quality** days didn't exist. But I wish you'd either color **Plaz's** legs differently to show he's wearing tights or explain why he hasn't got any toes.

Peter Sanderson, New York, New York

If you could shape your body any way you wanted, and you spend your time running around the streets barefoot, wouldn't you try and avoid the problem of stubbed toes?

. . . . .

I believe you've taken an old hero and made him even better. The old mixture of humor and excitement is still there, but the art has improved tenfold. Cole had to be something of a genius, to both write and draw **Plastic Man**, but you've chosen the **only** artist at **DC** who could retain the comical aspects of Cole's drawings while giving the figures a less cardboard appearance.

Scott Gibson, Evergreen, Colorado

Here's a trivia tidbit to increase your appreciation of Cole—he did all the PLASTIC MAN art the same size, on 6" by 9" art boards, while his fellow artists of the forties worked on 14" by 22" originals that allowed them twice as much room to work in! Today's artists strike a happy medium, mostly working on 10" by 15" originals.

Why not have the **Elongated Man** guest-star in an issue? They could team up and call themselves the Rubber Band . . .

R. Becker, Marlborough, Connecticut

Ouch!

. . . . .

The supporting characters are nearly perfect compliments to **Plaz's** personality. The whole issue was the funniest comic I've read in a long time. Even funnier than **Shazam**! I hope you keep them around for a long while, including Miss Prissy (you are going to change Foyle back, aren't you?).

Linda Ewing, Avondale, Georgia

We had to change Gully back, otherwise a certain Alfie Bester might have sued us for character assassination. But seriously, if you want to see how much funnier than CAPTAIN MARVEL PLAZ is, stay tuned for next issue when SHAZAM-scripter Elliot Maggin tries his hand at the tale of "Meat By Product And Sludge".

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The World's Weirdest Hero? No.
The World's Most Wonderful Hero? Yes!

Mike White, Mackinaw, Illinois

. . . . .

Plastic Man is really the best of all the human rubber bands. "The Hamsters Of Doom" proved it, since a human rubber band is silly, and he should act silly and look silly. Ramona Fradon and Tony Henson performed this service, turning **Plaz** into a jumble of waving elongated arms and legs. Steve Skeates performed the silly script admirably, Gerry Conway did some silly editing, and Woozy Winks did some silly sidekicking with a girl that looked disturbingly like Shirley Temple. To top it off, I even read it in a silly way, giggling and smirking with the turn of every page. And a final silly salute to you, too!

Adam Castro, New Rochelle, New York

Then we'll close by saying that these letters were selected with silly style by Paul Levitz, who apologizes for having cut out some of your cutting comments in favor of allowing more readers their say on our premiere. Please rejoin this madness by sending your comments to: PLASTIC POSTCARDS, National Periodical Publications, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019.